

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An olefin polymerization catalyst, which comprises:

(A) a transition metal compound or lanthanoid compound containing two or more atoms selected from the group consisting of boron, nitrogen, oxygen, phosphorus, sulfur, and selenium; and

(B) a Lewis acid selected from the group of compounds (b-1) to (b-4) below:

(b-1) ionic-bonding compounds having a CdCl_2 type or a CdI_2 type of layered crystal structure;

(b-2) clays·clay minerals, or ion-exchange layered compounds;

(b-3) heteropoly-compounds; and

(b-4) halogenated lanthanoid compounds.

2. (Currently Amended) An olefin polymerization catalyst, which further comprises [[:]]

~~(A) a transition metal compound or lanthanoid compound containing two or more atoms selected from the group consisting of boron, nitrogen, oxygen, phosphorus, sulfur, and selenium;~~

~~(B) a Lewis acid; and~~

(C) an oxygen-containing compound or nitrogen-containing compound.

3. (Currently Amended) The olefin polymerization catalyst according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein the catalyst is prepared from

(A) a transition metal compound or lanthanoid compound containing two or more atoms selected from the group consisting of boron, nitrogen, oxygen, phosphorus, sulfur, and selenium;

(B) a Lewis acid selected from the group of compounds (b-1) to (b-4) below:

(b-1) ionic-bonding compounds having a CdCl_2 type or a CdI_2 type of layered crystal structure;

(b-2) clays·clay minerals, or ion-exchange layered compounds;

(b-3) heteropoly-compounds; and

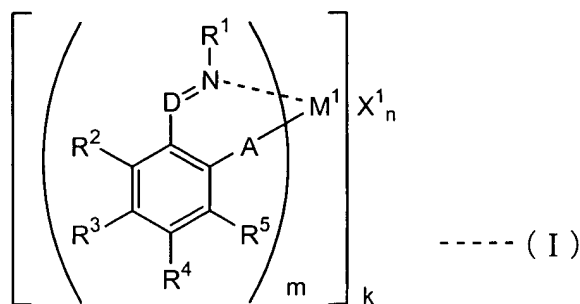
(b-4) halogenated lanthanoid compounds;

(C) an oxygen-containing compound or nitrogen-containing compound; and optionally

(D) an inactivating compound which is capable of reacting with said oxygen-containing compound or nitrogen-containing compound

(C) to make the oxygen-containing compound or nitrogen-containing compound inactive to the compound (A).

4. (Currently Amended) The olefin polymerization catalyst ~~according to claim 1 or 3~~ as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the transition metal compound or lanthanoid compound (A) is selected from the compounds represented by ~~General~~ Formulas (I) to (XXXII):



~~(In Formula (I)),~~ wherein M¹ represents a transition metal atom selected from Groups 3-11 of Periodical Table;

k represents an integer of 1-6;

m represents an integer of 1-6;

A represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a selenium atom, or a nitrogen atom having a substituent -R⁶;

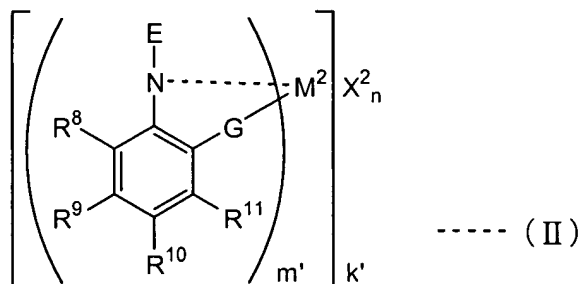
D represents a nitrogen atom, a phosphorus atom, or a carbon atom having a substituent -R⁷;

R¹-R⁷ may be the same or different and R¹-R⁷ represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a hydrocarbon group, a heterocyclic compound residue, an oxygen-containing group, a nitrogen-containing group, a boron-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a phosphorus-containing group, a silicon-containing group, a germanium-containing group, or a tin-containing group;

and two or more thereof may be joined together to form one or more rings; when m is 2 or more, two or more of R^1 groups, of R^2 groups, of R^3 groups, of R^4 groups, of R^5 groups, of R^6 groups, and of R^7 groups may be the same or different; and when m is 2 or more, one of the R^1 - R^7 groups in one ligand and one of the R^1 - R^7 groups in another ligand may form a bonding group or a single bond; and a heteroatom contained in the R^1 - R^7 groups may be coordinated with M^1 or bonded to M^1 ;

n represents a number satisfying the valence of M^1 ;

X^1 represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an oxygen atom, a hydrocarbon group, an oxygen-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a nitrogen-containing group, a boron-containing group, an aluminum-containing group, a phosphorus-containing group, a halogen-containing group, a heterocyclic compound residue, a silicon-containing group, a germanium-containing group, or a tin-containing groups; the plural X^1 groups may be the same or different and may be joined together to form one or more rings when n is 2 or more [(.)] i



~~(In Formula (II)),~~ wherein M^2 represents a transition metal atom selected from Groups 3-11 of Periodical Table;

k' represents an integer of 1-6;

m' represents an integer of 1-6;

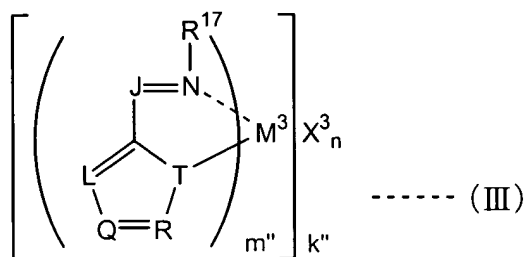
G represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a selenium atom, or a nitrogen atom having a substituent $-R^{12}$;

E represents $-R^{13}$ and $-R^{14}$ both bonding to N, or $=C(R^{15})R^{16}$;

R^8-R^{16} may be the same or different and R^8-R^{16} represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a hydrocarbon group, a heterocyclic compound residue, an oxygen-containing group, a nitrogen-containing group, a boron-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a phosphorus-containing group, a silicon-containing group, a germanium-containing group, or a tin-containing group; and two or more thereof may be joined together to form one or more rings, ~~(the ring~~ excluding aromatic rings formed by joining of R^8 and R^{13} or R^8 and R^{14} [[]]; one of the R^8-R^{16} groups in one ligand and one of the R^8-R^{16} groups in another ligand may form a bonding group or a single bond when m' is 2 or more; two or more of R^8 groups, of R^9 groups, of R^{10} groups, of R^{11} groups, of R^{12} groups, of R^{13} groups, of R^{14} groups, of R^{15} groups, and of R^{16} groups may be the same or different; and a heteroatom contained in the R^8-R^{16} groups may be coordinated with M^2 or bonded to M^2 ;

n represents a number satisfying the valence of M^2 ; and

X^2 represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an oxygen atom, a hydrocarbon group, an oxygen-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a nitrogen-containing group, a boron-containing group, an aluminum-containing group, a phosphorus-containing group, a halogen-containing group, a heterocyclic compound residue, a silicon-containing group, a germanium-containing group, or a tin-containing groups; and the plural X^2 groups may be the same or different and may be joined together to form one or more rings when n is 2 or more $[[.]] \text{ } i$



~~(In Formula (III)),~~ wherein M^3 represents a transition metal atom selected from Groups 3-11 of Periodical Table;

k'' represents an integer of 1-6;

m'' represents an integer of 1-6;

J represents a nitrogen atom, a phosphorus atom, or a carbon atom having a substituent $-R^{18}$;

T represents a nitrogen atom, or a phosphorus atom;

L represents a nitrogen atom, a phosphorus atom, or a carbon atom having a substituent $-R^{19}$;

Q represents a nitrogen atom, a phosphorus atom, or a carbon atom having a substituent $-R^{20}$;

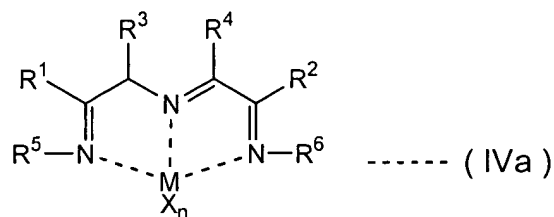
R represents a nitrogen atom, a phosphorus atom, or a carbon atom having a substituent $-R^{21}$;

$R^{17}-R^{21}$ may be the same or different and $R^{17}-R^{21}$ represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a hydrocarbon group, a heterocyclic compound residue, an oxygen-containing group, a nitrogen-containing group, a boron-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a phosphorus-containing group, a silicon-containing group, a germanium-containing group, or a tin-containing group; and two or more thereof may be joined together to form one or more rings; one of the groups of $R^{17}-R^{21}$ in one ligand and one of the groups of $R^{17}-R^{21}$ in another ligand may form a bonding group or a single bond when m'' is 2 or more; two or more of R^{17} groups, of R^{18} groups, of R^{19} groups, of R^{20} groups, and of R^{21} groups may be the same or different; and a heteroatom contained in the $R^{17}-R^{21}$ groups may be coordinated with M^3 or bonded to M^3 ;

n represents a number satisfying the valence of M^3 ;

X^3 represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an oxygen atom, a hydrocarbon group, an oxygen-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a nitrogen-containing group, a boron-containing group, an aluminum-containing group, a phosphorus-containing group, a halogen-containing group, a heterocyclic

compound residue, a silicon-containing group, a germanium-containing group, or a tin-containing groups; and the plural X^3 groups may be the same or different and may be joined together to form one or more rings when n is 2 or more [(.)] ;



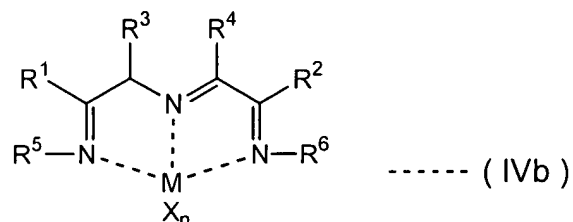
~~(In Formula (IVa),~~ wherein M represents a transition metal atom selected from Groups 3-7 of Periodical Table;

R^1 - R^6 may be the same or different and R^1 - R^6 represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a hydrocarbon group, a heterocyclic compound residue, an oxygen-containing group, a nitrogen-containing group, a boron-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a phosphorus-containing group, a silicon-containing group, a germanium-containing group, or a tin-containing group; and two or more thereof may be joined together to form an aromatic ring, an aliphatic ring, or a heteroatom-containing hydrocarbon ring, and the ring may have one or more additional substituents;

n represents a number satisfying the valence of M;

X represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a hydrocarbon group, an oxygen-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a

nitrogen-containing group, a boron-containing group, an aluminum-containing group, a phosphorus-containing group, a halogen-containing group, a heterocyclic compound residue, a silicon-containing group, a germanium-containing group, or a tin-containing groups; the plural X groups may be the same or different and may be joined together to form one or more rings when n is 2 or more [(.)]] i

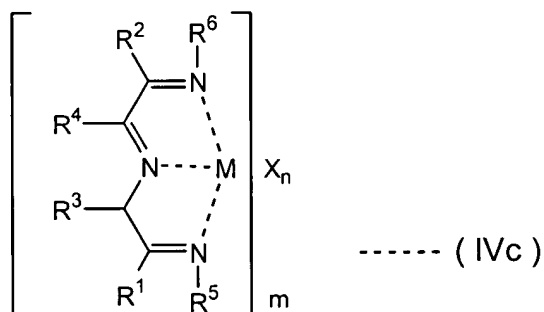


~~(In Formula (IVb)),~~ wherein M represents a transition metal atom selected from Groups 8-11 of Periodical Table;

R^1 - R^6 may be the same or different and R^1 - R^6 represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a hydrocarbon group, a heterocyclic compound residue, an oxygen-containing group, a nitrogen-containing group, a boron-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a phosphorus-containing group, a silicon-containing group, a germanium-containing group, or a tin-containing group; and two or more thereof may be joined together to form an aromatic ring, an aliphatic ring, or a heteroatom-containing hydrocarbon ring, and the ring may have one or more additional substituents;

n represents a number satisfying the valence of M;

X represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a hydrocarbon group, an oxygen-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a nitrogen-containing group, a boron-containing group, an aluminum-containing group, a phosphorus-containing group, a halogen-containing group, a heterocyclic compound residue, a silicon-containing group, a germanium-containing group, or a tin-containing groups; the plural X groups may be the same or different and may be joined together to form one or more rings when n is 2 or more [(.)] ;



~~(In Formula (IVe),~~ wherein M represents a transition metal atom selected from Groups 3-11 of Periodical Table;

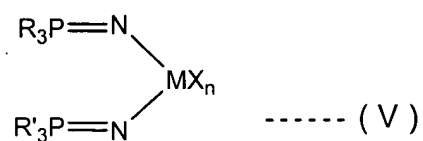
m represents an integer of 1-6;

R¹-R⁶ may be the same or different and R¹-R⁶ represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a hydrocarbon group, a heterocyclic compound residue, an oxygen-containing group, a nitrogen-containing group, a boron-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a phosphorus-containing group, a silicon-

containing group, a germanium-containing group, or a tin-containing group; and two or more thereof may be joined together to form an aromatic ring, an aliphatic ring, or a heteroatom-containing hydrocarbon ring, and the ring may have one or more additional substituents;

n represents a number satisfying the valence of M; and

X represents an oxygen atom when n is 1, and when n is 2 or more, at least one X is an oxygen atom, and other X is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an oxygen atom, a hydrocarbon group, an oxygen-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a nitrogen-containing group, a boron-containing group, an aluminum-containing group, a phosphorus-containing group, a halogen-containing group, a heterocyclic compound residue, a silicon-containing group, a germanium-containing group, or a tin-containing groups; the plural X groups may be the same or different and may be joined together to form one or more rings
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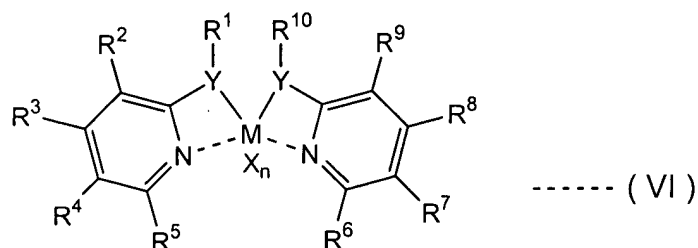


~~(In Formula (V),~~ wherein M represents a transition metal atom selected from Groups 3-6 of Periodic Table;

R and R' may be the same or different and R and R' represent a hydrogen atom, a hydrocarbon group, a halogenated hydrocarbon group, an organic silyl group, or a substituent having at least one element selected from nitrogen, oxygen, phosphorus, sulfur, and silicon;

n represents a number satisfying the valence of M;

X represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an oxygen atom, a hydrocarbon group, a halogenated hydrocarbon group, an oxygen-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a silicon-containing group, or a nitrogen-containing group; the plural X groups may be the same or different and may be joined together to form one or more rings when n is 2 or more [(.)]];



~~(In Formula (VI)),~~ wherein M represents a transition metal atom selected from Groups 4 or 5 of Periodic Table;

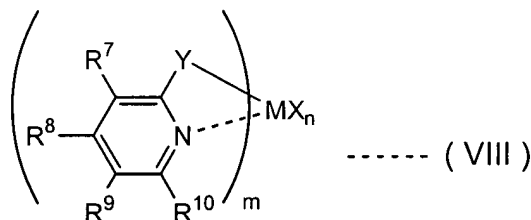
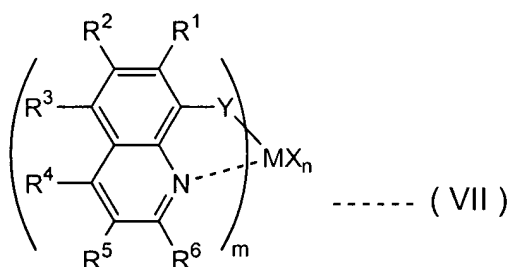
R¹-R¹⁰ may be the same or different and R¹-R¹⁰ represent a hydrogen atom, a hydrocarbon group, a halogenated hydrocarbon group, an organic silyl group, or a hydrocarbon group substituted with a substituent having at least one element

selected from nitrogen, oxygen, phosphorus, sulfur, and silicon; and the groups of R^1 - R^{10} may be joined together to form one or more rings;

n represents a number satisfying the valence of M ;

X represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an oxygen atom, a hydrocarbon group, a halogenated hydrocarbon group, an oxygen-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a silicon-containing group, or a nitrogen-containing group; the plural X groups may be the same or different when n is 2 or more; and

Y represents an atom of Group 15 or 16 of Periodic Table [[.))]] i



~~(In Formulas (VII) and (VIII),~~ wherein M represents a transition metal atom selected from Groups 4 or 5 of Periodic Table;

R^1 - R^6 and R^7 - R^{10} may be the same or different and R^1 - R^6 and R^7 - R^{10} represent a hydrogen atom, a hydrocarbon group, a halogenated hydrocarbon group, an organic silyl group, or a hydrocarbon group substituted with a substituent having at least one element selected from nitrogen, oxygen, phosphorus, sulfur,

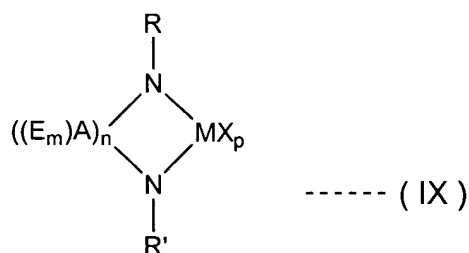
and silicon; and any of the R^1 - R^6 groups and the R^7 - R^{10} groups may be joined together to form one or more rings;

m represents an integer of 1-6;

n represents a number satisfying the valence of M;

X represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an oxygen atom, a hydrocarbon group, a halogenated hydrocarbon group, an oxygen-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a silicon-containing group, or a nitrogen-containing group; the plural X groups may be the same or different when n is 2 or more; and

Y represents an atom of Group 15 or 16 of Periodic Table
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~~(In Formula (IX),~~ wherein M represents a transition metal atom selected from Groups 3-6 of Periodic Table;

R and R' may be the same or different and R and R' represent a hydrogen atom, a hydrocarbon group, a halogenated hydrocarbon group, an organic silyl group, or a substituent having at least one element selected from nitrogen, oxygen, phosphorus, sulfur, and silicon;

m represents an integer of 0-2;

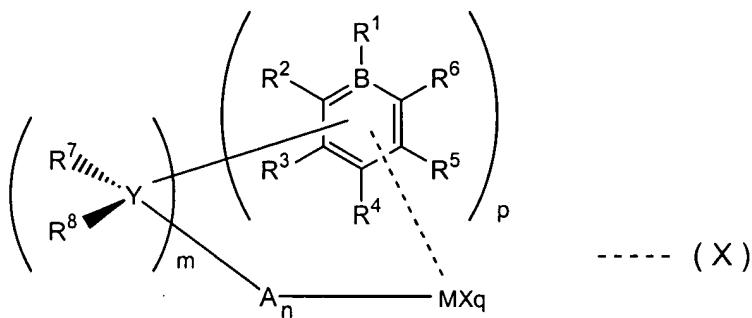
n represents an integer of 1-5;

A represents an atom of Group 13-16 of Periodic Table, and when n is 2 or more, the plural A atoms may be the same or different;

E represents a substituent having at least one element selected from carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, halogen, nitrogen, sulfur, phosphorus, boron, and silicon; the plural E substituents may be the same or different, and two or more of the E substituents may be joined together to form one or more rings;

p is a number satisfying the valence of M;

X represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an oxygen atom, a hydrocarbon group, a halogenated hydrocarbon group, an oxygen-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a silicon-containing group, or a nitrogen-containing group; the plural X groups may be the same or different when p is 2 or more [(.)] ;



~~(In Formula (X)),~~ wherein M represents a transition metal atom selected from Groups 3-11 of Periodic Table;

m represents an integer of 0-3;

n represents an integer of 0-1;

p represents an integer of 1-3;

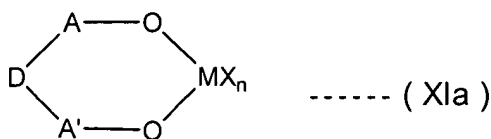
R^1 - R^8 may be the same or different and R^1 - R^8 represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a hydrocarbon group, a halogenated hydrocarbon group, an oxygen-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a silicon-containing group, or a nitrogen-containing group, and two or more thereof may be joined together to form one or more rings;

q represents a number satisfying the valence of M;

X represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an oxygen atom, a hydrocarbon group, a halogenated hydrocarbon group, an oxygen-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a silicon-containing group, or a nitrogen-containing group; the plural X groups may be the same or different when q is 2 or more;

Y represents a group forming a bridge between A and a boratabenzene ring when m is 1-3, and is a carbon atom, a silicon atom, or a germanium atom; and

A is an atom of Groups 14-16 of Periodic Table $[[.)]]$;



~~(In Formula (XIa)),~~ wherein M represents a transition metal atom selected from Groups 3-11 of Periodic Table;

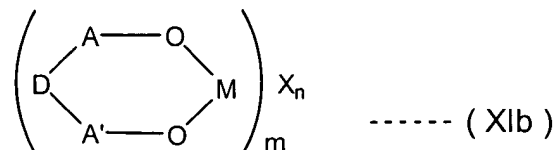
A and A' may be the same or different and A and A' represent a hydrocarbon group, a halogenated hydrocarbon group; a hydrocarbon group having an oxygen-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, or a silicon-containing group; a halogenated hydrocarbon group having an oxygen-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, or a silicon-containing group;

D may be present or absent, and when present, D is a group forming a bridge between A and A', D represents a hydrocarbon group, a halogenated hydrocarbon group, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, or a group represented by R^1R^2Z [[()]] wherein R^1 and R^2 may be the same or different and R^1 and R^2 represents a hydrocarbon group or a hydrocarbon group containing at least one heteroatom, and may be joined together to form a ring, and Z represents a carbon atom, a nitrogen atom, a sulfur atom, a phosphorus atom, or a silicon atom [[()]], and A and A' may be directly bonded;

n represents a number satisfying the valence of M;

X represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a hydrocarbon group, a halogenated hydrocarbon group, an oxygen-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a silicon-containing group, or a nitrogen-containing group; the plural X groups may be the same

or different and may be joined together to form one or more rings when n is 2 or more [(.)] ;



~~(In Formula (Xlb)),~~ wherein M represents a transition metal atom selected from Groups 3-11 of Periodic Table;

m represents an integer of 1-6;

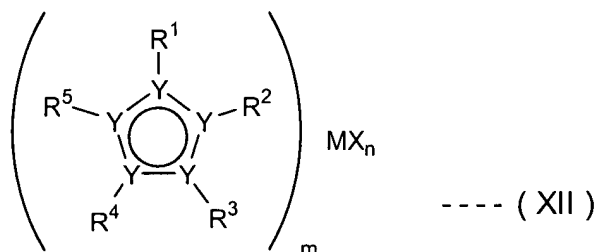
A and A' may be the same or different and A and A' represent a hydrocarbon group, a halogenated hydrocarbon group; a hydrocarbon group having an oxygen-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, or a silicon-containing group; or a halogenated hydrocarbon group having an oxygen-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, or a silicon-containing group;

D may be present or absent, and when present, D is a group forming a bridge between A and A', D represents a hydrocarbon group, a halogenated hydrocarbon group, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, or a group represented by R^1R^2Z [(.)] wherein R^1 and R^2 may be the same or different and R^1 and R^2 represents a hydrocarbon group or a hydrocarbon group containing at least one heteroatom, and may be joined together to form a ring, and Z represents a carbon atom, a nitrogen atom, a sulfur atom, a phosphorus atom, or a silicon atom [(.)] ; and

A and A' may be directly bonded;

n represents a number satisfying the valence of M;

X represents an oxygen atom when n is 1, and at least one X is an oxygen atom, and other X is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an oxygen atom, a hydrocarbon group, a halogenated hydrocarbon group, an oxygen-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a silicon-containing group, or a nitrogen-containing group when n is 2 or more; the plural X groups may be the same or different and may be joined together to form one or more rings when n is 2 or more [(.)] ;



~~(In Formula (XII),~~ wherein M represents a transition metal atom selected from Groups 3-11 of Periodic Table;

Y may be the same or different, Y represents an atom of Group 13-15 of Periodic Table and at least one of the Y atoms is other than carbon;

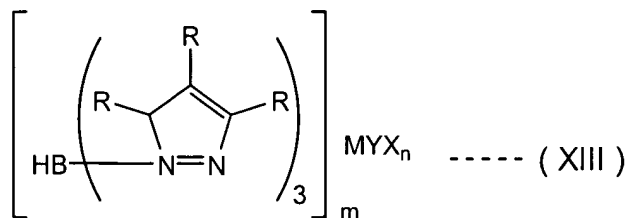
m represents an integer of 1-6;

R¹-R⁵ are present when the atom Y to be bonded thereto is an atom of Group 14 of Periodic Table, and may be the same or

different and represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a hydrocarbon group, a halogenated hydrocarbon group, an organic silyl group, or a hydrocarbon group substituted with a substituent containing at least one element selected from nitrogen, oxygen, phosphorus, sulfur, and silicon; and two or more of the groups R^1 - R^5 may be joined to form one or more rings;

n represents a number satisfying the valence of M ;

X represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an oxygen atom, a hydrocarbon group, a halogenated hydrocarbon group, an oxygen-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a silicon-containing group, or a nitrogen-containing group; the plural X groups may be the same or different and may be joined together to form one or more rings when n is 2 or more [(.)] ;



~~(In Formula (XIII),~~ wherein M represents a transition metal atom selected from Groups 3-11 of Periodic Table;

m represents an integer of 1-6;

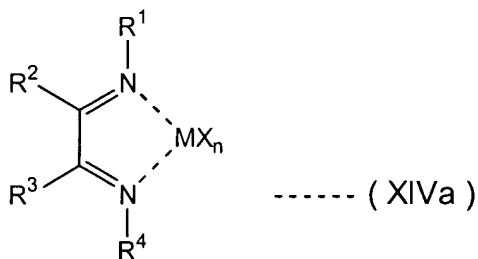
R may be the same or different and R represents a hydrogen atom, a hydrocarbon group, or a halogenated hydrocarbon group;

two or more thereof may be joined together to form one or more rings;

n represents a number satisfying the valence of M;

X represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an oxygen atom, a hydrocarbon group, a halogenated hydrocarbon group, an oxygen-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a silicon-containing group, or a nitrogen-containing group; the plural X groups may be the same or different and may be joined together to form one or more rings when n is 2 or more; and

Y may be present or absent, and when present, Y is an atom selected from the atoms of Groups 15 and 16 of Periodic Table
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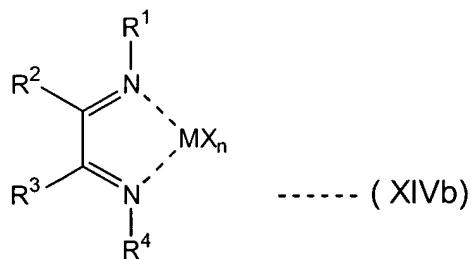
~~(In Formula (XIVa),~~ wherein M represents a transition metal atom selected from Groups 3-7 and 11 of Periodic Table;

R¹-R⁴ represent a hydrocarbon group, a halogenated hydrocarbon group, an organic silyl group, or a hydrocarbon group substituted with a substituent containing at least one element selected from nitrogen, oxygen, phosphorus, sulfur, and

silicon; two or more of R¹-R⁴ may be joined to form one or more rings;

n represents a number satisfying the valence of M; and

X represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a hydrocarbon group, a halogenated hydrocarbon group, an oxygen-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a silicon-containing group, or a nitrogen-containing group; the plural X groups may be the same or different when n is 2 or more [[.))]] ;

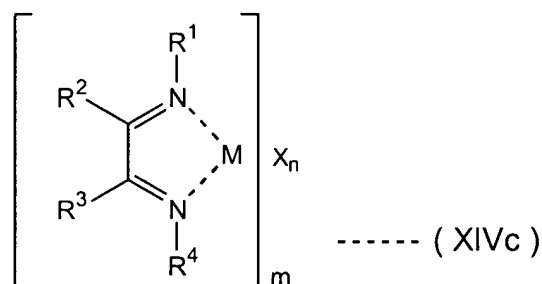


~~(In Formula (XIVb)),~~ wherein M represents a transition metal atom selected from Groups 8-10 of Periodic Table;

R¹-R⁴ may be the same or different and R¹-R⁴ represent a hydrocarbon group, a halogenated hydrocarbon group, an organic silyl group, or a hydrocarbon group substituted with one or more substituents containing at least one element selected from nitrogen, oxygen, phosphorus, sulfur, and silicon; two or more of the R¹-R⁴ groups may be joined to form one or more rings;

n represents a number satisfying the valence of M;

X represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a hydrocarbon group, a halogenated hydrocarbon group, an oxygen-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a silicon-containing group, or a nitrogen-containing group; the plural X groups may be the same or different when n is 2 or more [(.)] ;



~~(In Formula (XIVe),~~ wherein M represents a transition metal atom selected from Groups 3-11 of Periodic Table;

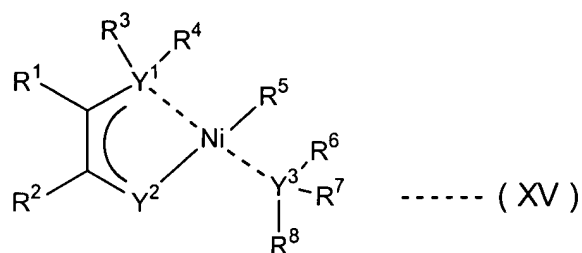
m represents an integer of 1-6;

R¹-R⁴ may be the same or different and represent a hydrocarbon group, a halogenated hydrocarbon group, an organic silyl group, or a hydrocarbon group substituted with one or more substituents containing at least one element selected from nitrogen, oxygen, phosphorus, sulfur, and silicon; two or more of the R¹-R⁴ groups may be joined to form one or more rings;

n represents a number satisfying the valence of M;

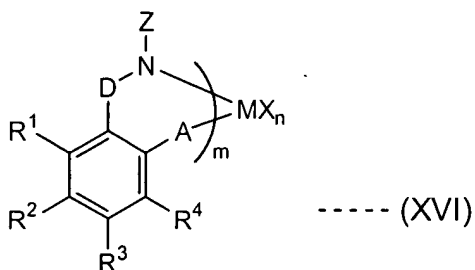
X represents an oxygen atom when n is 1; when n is 2 or more, at least one X represents an oxygen atom, and the rest of the X represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an oxygen

atom, a hydrocarbon group, a halogenated hydrocarbon group, an oxygen-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a silicon-containing group, or a nitrogen-containing group; the plural X groups may be the same or different when n is 2 or more [(.)] ;



~~(In Formula (XV),~~ wherein Y^1 and Y^3 represent respectively an atom of Group 15 of Periodic Table, and Y^2 represents an atom of Group 16 of Periodic Table;

R^1 - R^8 may be the same or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a hydrocarbon group, a halogenated hydrocarbon group, an oxygen-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, or a silicon-containing group; two or more of thereof may be joined to form one or more rings [(.)] ;



~~(In Formula (XVI),~~ wherein M represents a transition metal atom selected from Groups 3-11 of Periodic Table;

m represents an integer of 1-6;

A represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a selenium atom, or a nitrogen atom having a substituent $-R^5$;

D represents a group of $-C(R^6)(R^7)-$, $-Si(R^8)(R^9)-$, $-P(O)(R^{10})-$, $-P(R^{11})-$, $-SO-$, or $-S-$;

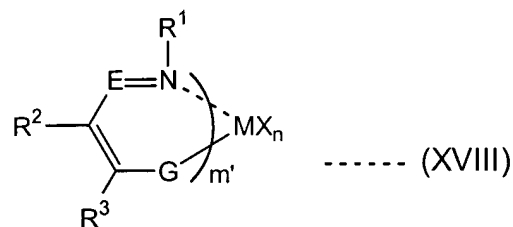
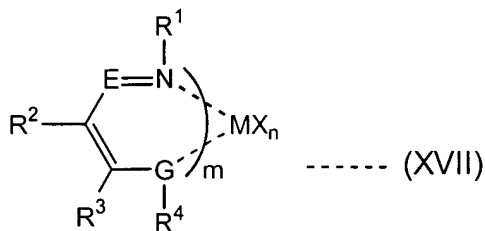
Z represents groups of $-R^{12}$ and $-R^{13}$ both bonding to N, $=C(R^{14})R^{15}$, or $=NR^{16}$;

R^1 - R^{16} may be the same or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a hydrocarbon group, a heterocyclic compound residue, an oxygen-containing group, a nitrogen-containing group, a boron-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a phosphorus-containing group, a silicon-containing group, a germanium-containing group, or a tin-containing group; and two or more thereof may be joined together to form one or more rings; when m is 2 or more, two of the R^1 - R^{16} groups may be linked together;

n represents a number satisfying the valence of M;

X represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an oxygen atom, a hydrocarbon group, an oxygen-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a nitrogen-containing group, a boron-containing group, an aluminum-containing group, a phosphorus-containing group, a halogen-containing group, a heterocyclic compound residue, a silicon-containing group, a germanium-containing group, or a tin-containing group; the plural X groups

may be the same or different and may be joined together to form one or more rings when n is 2 or more [(.)] ;



~~(In Formulas (XVII) and (XVIII),~~ wherein M represents a transition metal atom selected from Groups 3-11 of Periodic Table;

m represents an integer of 1-3;

m' represents an integer of 1-6;

E represents a nitrogen atom, or a carbon atom having a substituent -R⁵;

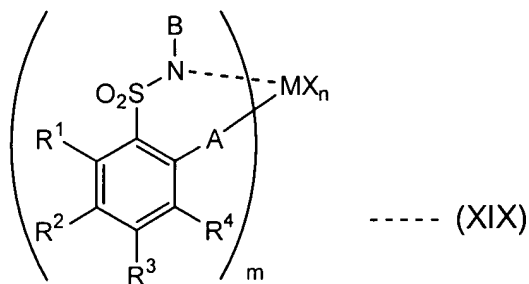
G represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a selenium atom, or a nitrogen atom having a substituent -R⁶;

R¹-R⁶ may be the same or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a hydrocarbon group, a heterocyclic compound residue, an oxygen-containing group, a nitrogen-containing group, a boron-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a phosphorus-containing group, a silicon-containing group, a germanium-containing group, or a tin-containing group; and two or more thereof may be joined together to form one or

more rings; two of the groups R^1 - R^6 may be linked together when m or m' is 2 or more;

n represents a number satisfying the valence of M ;

X represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an oxygen atom, a hydrocarbon group, an oxygen-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a nitrogen-containing group, a boron-containing group, an aluminum-containing group, a phosphorus-containing group, a halogen-containing group, a heterocyclic compound residue, a silicon-containing group, a germanium-containing group, or a tin-containing group; the plural X groups may be the same or different and may be joined together to form one or more rings when n is 2 or more [(.)] i



~~(In Formula (XIX),~~ wherein M represents a transition metal atom selected from Groups 3-11 of Periodic Table;

m represents an integer of 1-6;

A represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a selenium atom, or a nitrogen atom having a substituent $-R^5$;

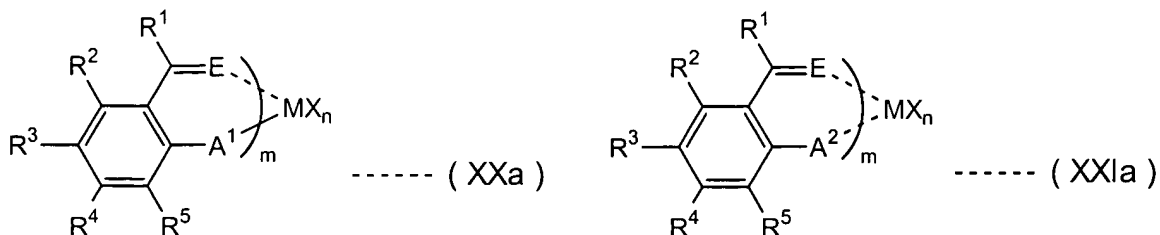
B represents groups of $-R^6$ and $-R^7$ both bonding to N, $=C(R^8)R^9$, or $=NR^{10}$;

R^1 - R^{10} may be the same or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a hydrocarbon group, a heterocyclic compound residue, an oxygen-containing group, a nitrogen-containing group, a boron-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a phosphorus-containing group, a silicon-containing group, a germanium-containing group, or a tin-containing group; and two or more thereof may be joined together to form one or more rings; when m is 2 or more, one of the R^1 - R^{10} groups of one ligand and one of the R^1 - R^{10} groups of another ligand may be linked together, and two or more of the R^1 groups, of the R^2 groups, of the R^3 groups, of the R^4 groups, of the R^5 groups, of the R^6 groups, of the R^7 groups, of the R^8 groups, of the R^9 groups, or of the R^{10} groups may be the same or different;

n represents a number satisfying the valence of M;

X represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an oxygen atom, a hydrocarbon group, an oxygen-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a nitrogen-containing group, a boron-containing group, an aluminum-containing group, a phosphorus-containing group, a halogen-containing group, a heterocyclic compound residue, a silicon-containing group, a germanium-containing group, or a tin-containing group; the plural X groups

may be the same or different and may be joined together to form one or more rings when n is 2 or more [(.)] ;



~~(In Formulas (XXa) and (XXIa),~~ wherein M represents a transition metal atom selected from Groups 3 and 4 of Periodic Table;

A¹ represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, or a hydrocarbon-substituted nitrogen atom;

A² represents a hydrocarbon-substituted oxygen atom, a hydrocarbon-substituted sulfur atom, or a hydrocarbon-substituted nitrogen atom;

E represents an oxygen atom, or a sulfur atom;

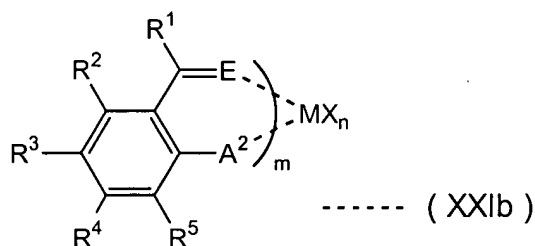
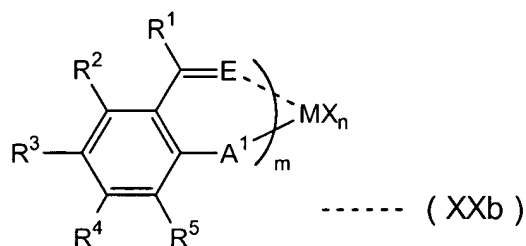
m represents an integer of 1-2;

R¹-R⁵ may be the same or different and represent a hydrocarbon group, a hydrogen atom, or a hydrocarbon-substituted silyl group;

n represents a number satisfying the valence of M;

X represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an oxygen atom, a hydrocarbon group, an oxygen-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a nitrogen-containing group, a boron-containing group, an aluminum-containing group, a phosphorus-

containing group, a halogen-containing group, a heterocyclic compound residue, a silicon-containing group, a germanium-containing group, or a tin-containing group; and the plural X groups may be the same or different and may be joined together to form one or more rings when n is 2 or more [(.)] _i



~~(In Formulas (XXb) and (XXIb),~~ wherein M represents a transition metal atom selected from Groups 5-11 of Periodic Table.

A¹ represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, or a hydrocarbon-substituted nitrogen atom;

A² represents a hydrocarbon-substituted oxygen atom, a hydrocarbon-substituted sulfur atom, or a hydrocarbon-substituted nitrogen atom;

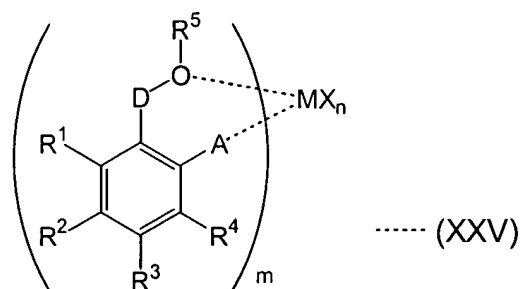
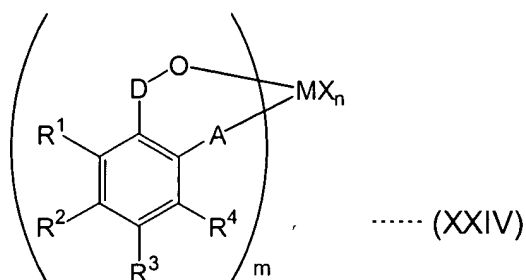
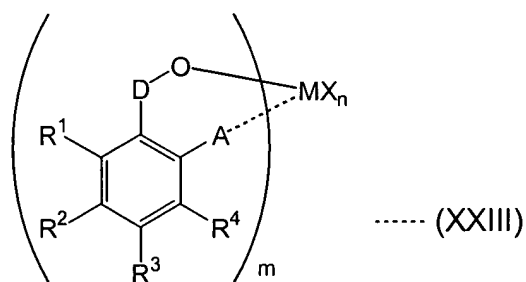
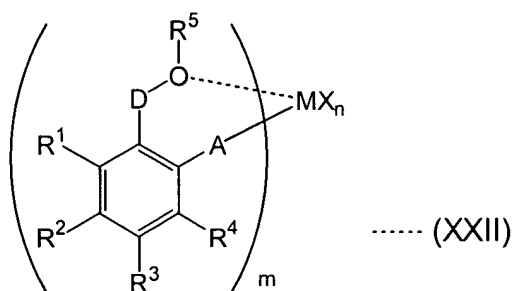
E represents an oxygen atom, or a sulfur atom;

m represents an integer of 1-2;

R¹-R⁵ may be the same or different and represent a hydrocarbon group, a hydrogen atom, or a hydrocarbon-substituted silyl group;

n represents a number satisfying the valence of M;

X represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an oxygen atom, a hydrocarbon group, an oxygen-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a nitrogen-containing group, a boron-containing group, an aluminum-containing group, a phosphorus-containing group, a halogen-containing group, a heterocyclic compound residue, a silicon-containing group, a germanium-containing group, or a tin-containing group; the plural X groups may be the same or different and may be joined together to form one or more rings when n is 2 or more [(.)] ;



~~(In Formulas (XXII), (XXIII), (XXIV), and (XXV),~~ wherein M represents a transition metal atom selected from Groups 3-11 of Periodic Table;

m represents an integer of 1-6;

A represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a selenium atom, or a nitrogen atom and A may have a substituent R^6 depending on the mode of bonding to the metal M;

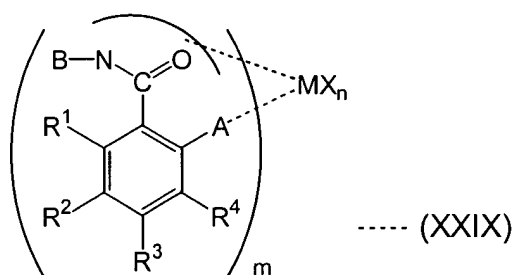
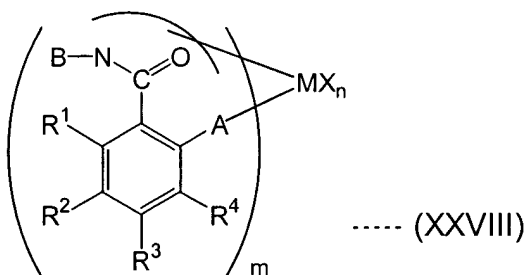
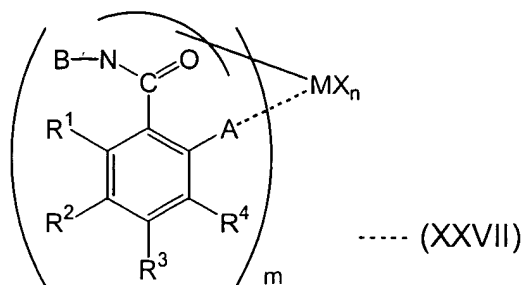
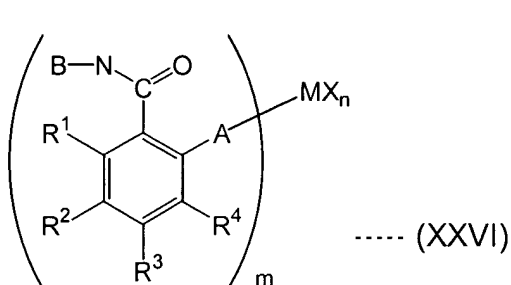
D represents a group of $-C(R^7)(R^8)-$, $-Si(R^9)(R^{10})-$, $-CO-$, $-SO_2-$, $-SO-$, or $-P(O)(OR^{11})$;

R^1 - R^{11} may be the same or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a hydrocarbon group, a heterocyclic compound residue, an oxygen-containing group, a nitrogen-containing group, a boron-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a phosphorus-containing group, a silicon-containing group, a germanium-containing group, or a tin-containing group; and two or more thereof may be joined together to form one or more rings; and when m is 2 or more, two of the groups represented by R^1 - R^{11} groups may be linked, and each of the R^1 - R^{11} groups may be the same or different independently;

n is a number satisfying the valence of M;

X represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an oxygen atom, a hydrocarbon group, an oxygen-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a nitrogen-containing group, a boron-containing group, an aluminum-containing group, a phosphorus-containing group, a halogen-containing group, a heterocyclic compound residue, a silicon-containing group, a germanium-containing group, or a tin-containing group; and the plural X

groups may be the same or different and may be joined together to form one or more rings when n is 2 or more [(.)] ;



~~(In Formulas (XXVI), (XXVII), (XXVIII), and (XXIX),~~

wherein M represents a transition metal atom selected from Groups 3-11 of Periodic Table;

m represents an integer of 1-6;

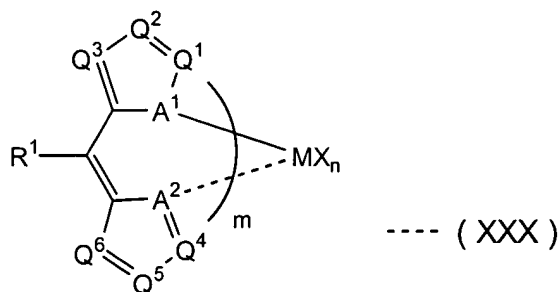
A represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a selenium atom, or a nitrogen atom; the atom A may have a substituent R^5 depending on the mode of bonding to the metal M;

B represents groups of $-R^6$ and $-R^7$ both bonding to N, $=NR^8$, or $=CR^9R^{10}$;

R^1 - R^{10} may be the same or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a hydrocarbon group, a heterocyclic compound residue, an oxygen-containing group, a nitrogen-containing group, a boron-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a phosphorus-containing group, a silicon-containing group, a germanium-containing group, or a tin-containing group; and two or more thereof may be joined together to form one or more rings; when m is 2 or more, two of the R^1 - R^{10} groups may be linked together, and the each R^1 - R^{10} group may be the same or different;

n represents a number satisfying the valence of M ;

X represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an oxygen atom, a hydrocarbon group, an oxygen-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a nitrogen-containing group, a boron-containing group, an aluminum-containing group, a phosphorus-containing group, a halogen-containing group, a heterocyclic compound residue, a silicon-containing group, a germanium-containing group, or a tin-containing group; and the plural X groups may be the same or different and may be joined together to form one or more rings when n is 2 or more $[[.]]$ i



~~(In Formula (XXX)),~~ wherein M represents a transition metal atom selected from Groups 3-11 of Periodic Table;

A^1 and A^2 may be the same or different and represent a nitrogen atom or a phosphorus atom;

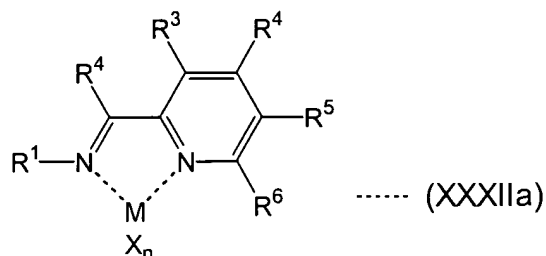
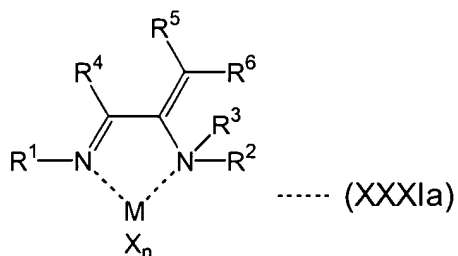
Q^1 - Q^6 may be the same or different and represent a nitrogen atom, a phosphorus atom, or a carbon atom having a substituent - R^2 ; when two or more of Q^1 - Q^6 have respectively a carbon atom having an R^2 -substituent, the R^2 substituents may be the same or different;

R^1 and R^2 may be the same or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a hydrocarbon group, a heterocyclic compound residue, an oxygen-containing group, a nitrogen-containing group, a boron-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a phosphorus-containing group, a silicon-containing group, a germanium-containing group, or a tin-containing group; and two or more thereof may be joined together to form one or more rings;

m represents an integer of 1-6; when m is 2 or more, any of R^1 and R^2 of one ligand and any of R^1 and R^2 in another ligand may be linked together, and the plural R^1 groups, and the plural R^2 groups may respectively be the same or different;

n represents a number satisfying the valence of M;

X represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an oxygen atom, a hydrocarbon group, an oxygen-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a nitrogen-containing group, a boron-containing group, an aluminum-containing group, a phosphorus-containing group, a halogen-containing group, a heterocyclic compound residue, a silicon-containing group, a germanium-containing group, or a tin-containing group; and the plural X groups may be the same or different and may be joined together to form one or more rings when n is 2 or more [(.)] ;



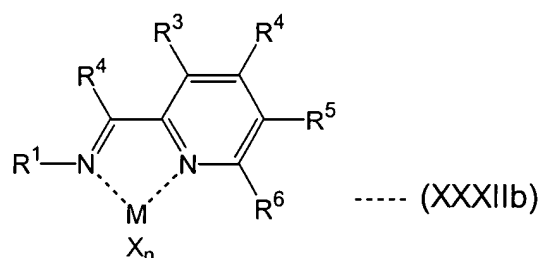
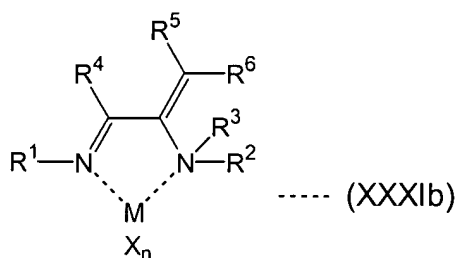
~~(In Formulas (XXXIa) and (XXXIIa),~~ wherein M represents a transition metal atom selected from Groups 3-7 of Periodic Table;

R^1 - R^6 may be the same or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a hydrocarbon group, a halogenated hydrocarbon group, an

oxygen-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a silicon-containing group, a nitrogen-containing group, or a phosphorus-containing group; and two or more thereof may be joined together to form one or more rings;

n represents a number satisfying the valence of M;

X represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an oxygen atom, a hydrocarbon group, an oxygen-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a nitrogen-containing group, a boron-containing group, an aluminum-containing group, a phosphorus-containing group, a halogen-containing group, a heterocyclic compound residue, a silicon-containing group, a germanium-containing group, or a tin-containing group; and the plural X groups may be the same or different and may be joined to form one or more rings when n is 2 or more [(.)] *i*



~~(In Formulas (XXXIb) and (XXXIIb),~~ wherein M represents a transition metal atom selected from Groups 8-11 of Periodic Table;

R¹-R⁶ may be the same or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a hydrocarbon group, a halogenated hydrocarbon group, an

oxygen-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a silicon-containing group, a nitrogen-containing group, or a phosphorus-containing group; and two or more thereof may be joined together to form one or more rings;

n represents a number satisfying the valence of M;

X represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an oxygen atom, a hydrocarbon group, an oxygen-containing group, a sulfur-containing group, a nitrogen-containing group, a boron-containing group, an aluminum-containing group, a phosphorus-containing group, a halogen-containing group, a heterocyclic compound residue, a silicon-containing group, a germanium-containing group, or a tin-containing group; and the plural X groups may be the same or different and may be joined to form one or more rings when n is 2 or more. [[]]

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The olefin polymerization catalyst according to any one of claims 1 to 3, ~~claim 5~~, wherein the Lewis acid (B) is at least one halogen compound selected from halogenated magnesium compounds, halogenated manganese compounds, halogenated iron compounds, halogenated cobalt compounds, and halogenated nickel compounds.

7. (Cancelled)